Construction of Houses for Urban poor

1812. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any schemes to provide houses to the Urban poor;

(b) if so, the steps taken by different States and Union Territories in that direction;

(c) whether the Delhi Administration has taken up any step in that regard during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Housing is a State subject and State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are free to formulate housing schemes according to their priority and available resources.

Several housing schemes for the urban poor and slum improvement scheme are already under implementation in the States under 20 Point Programme and Social Housing Schemes in the State Sector. In addition following centrally aided schemes targetted to benefit the urban poor are also in operation in the States:—

1. Housing and Shelter upgradation under the Nehru Rodgar Yojana for the urban poor.

2. Urban Basic Services for the poor.

3. Night Shelter Schemes and sanitary facilities for Urban Footpath Dwellers.

In the recent budget it has been proposed to institute a scheme for mobilising black money through National Housing Bank to be utilised for financing schemes of slum clearance and low cost housing for the poor. HUDCO is assisting schemes for provision of houses to the poorer sections and 55 per cent of its resources are devoted to the EWS and LIG.

(c) and (d) Schemes are in progress for the provision of basic amenities for facilities in J.J. Clusters for their in situ upgradation and relocation of identified J.J. families. A significant proportion of houses constructed by D.D.A. has benefitted registrantsin the Janata/EWS category as well as slum dwellers.

Details of houses constructed by Delhi Development Authority in Delhi under Janata/EWS category during the last three years are as under:—

1987-88	—	3950
1988-89	—	4792
1989-90	—	879.

Import of cold rolling Mills

1813. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 186 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th July, 1991 and state:

(a) the reasons for which SALEM STEEL PLANT/SAIL did not place this order of Cold Rolling Mill directly with their manufacturer M/s. Hitachi Limited Japan, who actually manufactured, supervised errection, started-up, tested, carried out performance guarantee tests and commissioned this mill and placed this order on an intermediary Nissho Iwai Corporation, who are not the manufacturer;

(b) whether is it not a fact that the said intermediary Nissho Iwai Corporation further used an Indian subagent M/s. Trade Links, Madras, and paid huge commission to them to secure this order from SALEM STEEL PLANT/SAIL;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Rebid was called for this tender; if so, on what grounds and what were the prices quoted by all the bidders before the Re-bid; and

(d) on what grounds D.G.T.D. allowed the import of this mill and whether it is a fact that technology to manufacture this mill was available in India with an Indian Firm at that time; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH